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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

**Luke Mankin & Bryan McKersie**

Serial No. **09/940,550**

Filed: **August 27, 2001**

For: **SELF-EXCISING POLYNUCLEOTIDES  
AND USES THEREOF**

Art Unit: **1638**

Examiner: **David Fox**

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The amendments and remarks herein are responsive to the Office Action mailed on December 9, 2003, a response to which is due March 9, 2004, without an extension of time. Applicants hereby request entry of the amendments, consideration of the appended remarks, and allowance of the above-identified application.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop After Final, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on **March 9, 2004**.

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